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## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below adjacent to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of subject matter (process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or an improvement thereof) that is claimed and for which a patent is solicited by way of the application entitled APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL INSPECTION OF WAFERS DURING POLISHING" which (check) ☐ is attached hereto.

☐ and is amended by the Preliminary Amendment attached hereto.

☒ was filed on June 29, 1995 as Application Serial No. 08/497,382

☐ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

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(Country)

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Yes No

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(Country)

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Yes No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as any subject matter of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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DECLARATION BY ASSIGNEE**

Dear Sir:

With respect to the above-identified invention and patent application included herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the undersigned officer of the assignee of such application hereby declares that:

Exclusive rights to the above-identified invention have been conveyed to and remain with assignee by virtue of an Assignment dated on or about the date of this verification. I am empowered to act on behalf of said assignee. I verily believe that assignee qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 C.F.R. Section 121.12 and reproduced in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9(d), namely, the concern's number of employees, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons and the concern has not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9(c) if that person has made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.9(e).

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